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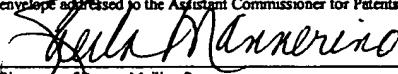
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Cancel claims 1, and 13, without prejudice or disclaimer.